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RESIGNATION.

I picture out the way—
The way I longed to tread;
God said, not so, my child,
But stand thou here instead.
Thou canst not work for me;
I close my vineyard gate;
Thy lot in life must be
To meekly stand and wait.

I stand—I wait my Lord,
Thou knowest what is best;
I yield my restless soul
To thy divine behest.
I stand with folded hands,
Outside the vineyard gate;
Hereafter thou wilt show to me
'Twas best to stand and wait.

FAMILIAR TALKS ON SCIENCE.—NO. 12.

ASTRONOMY AND THE DOCTRINE OF DESIGN.

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Three things in connection with the Copernican theory of astronomy were well calculated to excite the alarm of religious teachers in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. First, the enormous enlargement of our conceptions of God's creative activity implied in the adoption of this theory seemed to remove the Creator to an immeasurable distance from us. Secondly, the idea that the earth moves around the sun rather than the sun around the earth seems to diminish the importance both of the earth itself and of the transactions which take place upon it. Thirdly, it was difficult at first to reconcile the idea of the earth's stability with that of the perpetual motion of all things. In such a vast and complicated state of affairs the human mind is unable to follow out in detail the lines of design.

To the truly religious mind, however, these objections ought not to seem serious; for it is a fundamental principle in religion that we walk by faith, and not by sight. A God whose works could be fully comprehended by us would lack an element most essential to the object of our worship. The exercises of religion imply, and indeed depend upon, the existence of a certain amount of ignorance upon the part of the worshipper. The worshipper must know something of God, but he does not need to know everything. He must know enough of the Creator's goodness to furnish grounds for *believing* that all God does is just and right. That the Creator's thoughts should be above our thoughts and his ways higher than our ways is just what we should expect, and is likewise just what we need. Awe and reverence are essential elements of worship.

The universe is indeed vast beyond all the conceptions of the ancients, and every improvement in the telescope has increased our comprehension of its boundlessness. But God is *infinite*, and to infinity no *finite* thing is great and nothing is small. While the hairs of our head are considered by the Creator to be of sufficient account to be numbered, and the fall of the sparrow is not beneath his notice, such are the resources of Omnipotence that the visible universe doubtless seems to him a very little thing; and to Omniscience all the complicated movements of the heavenly bodies are as easily comprehended as those in the simplest machine are by its human inventor. The new revelations concerning the greatness of the universe may well teach us humility, and impress us with the propriety of meekly bowing in obedience to those laws of God which encircle us in such majestic folds, and so inexorably limit our spheres of activity. When man cannot fly he must be content to walk.

Nor need it disturb the Christian believer to learn that the earth is not the centre of the physical universe. There is no necessity that the centre of gravity and the turning-point of moral progress should coincide. God chose the least among the thousands of Isreal for the birth-place of his Son. We know too little of the universe to affirm that the earth is not the fittest of all worlds in which to enact the scenes of the incarnation of God and of his atonement for sin.

It is interesting to notice to what an extent we have now come to associate the ideas of stability not with immovability, but with that of regular and regulated motion. It matters little that everything changes, if only we can calculate the course of events with sufficient accuracy to furnish a basis for rational action. If day and night be constant in their order of recurrence, and the seasons come round with regularity, it is enough. Man has no pledge of the future except what he derives from observations of the course of nature in the past.

Finally, it is unfortunate to rest the proof of God's existence too exclusively upon the facts of astronomy; nor is it fair to ask the astronomer to transform himself into a teacher of natural theology. Astronomy reveals us an interesting portion of the "course of nature." Of the origin of that course of nature the astronomer has no means of informing himself that are not within the reach of every rational creature. The great German philosopher Kant said there were two things which irresistibly proved to him the existence of God, viz. the starry heavens above him and the moral law within him. It is doubtful, however, if the spangled vault of heaven would prove the existence of God to a being who did not also possess a sense of moral right and wrong. But to such a being "the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." And the proof does not rest upon any far-fetched theories, or upon recondite facts of modern discovery, but upon a principle as old as the first spontaneous action of the human mind. The principle is thus expressed by the sacred writer in Heb. iii. 4: "Every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." The astronomer may in thought indefinitely stretch out the distance which separates us from the throne of God, and may in thought remove the epoch of creation into the immeasurable depths of eternity past; but the affirmation that "in the beginning God created the heavens and earth," will forever remain unshaken and undisturbed.

A CAT STORY

A man living near Kingston emigrated to the West many years ago, and bought a house which had stood unoccupied for a considerable time. The first night he heard sounds which convinced him that there were rats in the cellar, on investigation he found that hundreds of the creatures were disporting themselves there. Having eaten a quarter of beef down to the bone, they were playing tag among the shelves and boxes. He offered to introduce the family cat, but she declined to be presented. The next day she was missing, until the family thought they had lost her; but on the fourth day a familiar "meow" was heard, and there was tabby at the head of a column of three dozen cats in light marching order, their backs up and their tails rampant. The front door was opened and the detachment moved down the cellar stairs in good order. The next morning a flour barrel full of dead rats was buried behind the house, and the cats all returned to their homes.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

WONT DO.

The half-breeds in the East Indies are called Eusalians—from the blood of their nationalities. What would our friends think of calling *our* mixed men AMERAF, on the same principle?—*Repository.*

FROM ACROSS THE PLAINS.

Mr. Editor:

After reading one of the numbers of the ADVOCATE, the other evening, I conceived the idea that you might like to hear something of the prosperity and doings of the colored people living in the beautiful "Queen City of the West," that nestles so close at the foot of the grandest chain of mountains on this globe. Of the beauty and growth of Denver, I need not say anything, for she is already widely known, and justly praised. Her population is about 40,000, and we number a little over one-twentieth of that.

We have three churches—two Baptist and one Methodist; all three are well attended, and the talent in the pulpit is as good as some in our more favored eastern cities. Our schools are as good as any in the country, for we have mixed schools, and all stand the same chance to the same education, provided they are willing to learn. Much praise and credit is due to the Pioneers of Colorado, for their untiring efforts in obtaining this great privilege or right; notwithstanding the people of Colorado seem to be a freedom-loving, equality-thinking people.

Our State legislature adjourned the 13th ult., and we were represented by a Mr. J. T. Gunnell, who was a member of the assembly from the city, a very modest and fine gentleman, who did credit to the position. He came to Denver in the fall of '69. There was also a boy who acted as one of the pages, and as a matter of course we held the janitorship. It is needless for me to state that the young state of Colorado is Repnblican, and I hope she will always hold to those principles.

I will also speak of another position, that of Deputy Sheriff, held by a gentleman long and widely known as a thinker, a writer, a politician and a humane man; whose son died some two or three years ago, at Lyons, France—Mr. H. O. Wagoner. He came to Colorado the first time in '60, returned to the States, was engaged in the war, and afterwards returned to Denver in the fall of '65 and has since remained here, one of her honored citizens. Some of the Washington people may still remember Miss Adelle Wagoner, his daughter, who visited their city some years ago.

I will now speak or tell you of some of our business men: The two finest barber-shops in the city are kept by gentlemen that fully understand their business. Mr. Sanderlin's magnificent establishment is largely advertised through the East as the oldest in the city. He is one of Denver's "59s", having battled and struggled through all the hardships and disadvantages that all pioneers have to contend with. He has amassed considerable wealth, built an edifice that is an ornament to the city, and is still one of her respected citizens. He is the father of a large family, of which he has three accomplished daughters. The other establishment is that of Mr. Parnell, 311 15th street where you can always be politely waited upon. He is an old resident with a family consisting of wife and daughter. Of course there are other places of the same kind too numerous to mention. We have still another gentleman whom it would be impossible to forget, who has done his share for Denver, also Cheyenne in Wyoming. He crossed the plains in May, 1860, underwent all the privations of pioneer life, was engaged in the restaurant business and worked with unflagging energy amidst many obstacles, and, after having made quite a fortune, he did much for the city in the way of buildings, he having built two very fine edifices; one being the Inter Ocean and a residence. He was also engaged in business in Cheyenne, at which place he built a fine hotel also called the Inter Ocean. Yet with the adverse circumstances of this life he lost all; but with an energy characteristic of the man he left his misfortune behind and went farther west, to seek new fields of enterprise, and is now in Breckenridge, Col., with his family—wife, daughter and son, engaged in business at what is widely known as B. L. Ford's California Chop-Stand, where he bids fair to retreive his losses. His motto seeme to be of the youth: Excelsior.

Mr. Price is also an enterprising young man engaged in real estate. While I have named some, there are others just as worthy of mention in business, and attending to their general advocations or industries. Since I have spoken of men individually and collectively, I must not forget the women. We have in our midst a large class of workers, with hands ready and hearts willing to perform their different tasks. There are several ladies here who are dealing in real estate, using their own means and judgment, while they exhibit a foresight equal the sterner sex. As a rule the women of Denver stand higher in the moral scale than do the men. Taking things as they are I think the colored people of Denver are in as prosperous a condition as the rest of mankind.

The social topic just at present is that of a fashionable wedding, the cards being now out. Hoping I have not exhausted your patience, I will wish you much success with your excellent paper, and bid you a kind adieu.

Lady-reader of the ADVOCATE.

Denver, Col.

March 7, 1881.

THE CENSUS IN BRIEF.

There are in the United States, according to the census report 25,520,582 males and 24,632,234 females. The natives number 43,475,506, and the foreign born 6,667,360. There are 43,404,977 whites, 6,577,151 colored, 105,463 Chinese and 255 other Asiatics. There are 15,153 colored persons to 100,000 whites, against 16,875 in 1870; and 97,519 females to every 100,000 males against 97,802 in 1870.

A COLORED INVENTOR.

Thomas Linsey, a well-known colored gentleman of this city, who was at one time janitor of the market house, has invented an improved adjustable trestle which has been pronounced by experts to be perfect and incapable of further improvement. It is an ingenious contrivance, can be raised or lowered to any required height; is made in sections so that when it has to be packed it can be taken to pieces and put up again in a few seconds. It reflects great credit on the inventive ability of its devisor. Tom will shortly embark in its manufacture.—*Peoria Freeman.*

COLORED SOLDIERS

Editor of People's Advocate:

Please give this space in your valuable paper:

Comrades, in Washington and vicinity and throughout the Middle States: We have a President now who said, August 6, '80, in his address to the "Boys in Blue" in New York, that the part we played in the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, "shall not go unrewarded." Comrades, the Widows and children of many of our late comrades who gave their lives on many battlefields—that this government should not perish from the earth—are beggars in the streets, and their children are in rags. They have no captains, Colonels or Generals, of their race, like our white comrades who are well represented in all government departments regardless of their politics. Let us call a convention to be held at Washington and obtain the actual member of our survivors, and their condition, as far as possible and present the same to the President, asking for better representation in the various departments of the government.

Respectfully,
Isaiah Mitchell,
Late of Co. G. 115th Regt. U. S. C. Infantry, Washington, D. C.
March 21, 1881.

The Freedman's Bank.

Comptroller Knox, Commissioner of the Freedman's Bank gave notice Monday to the depositors and creditors of that institution that all claims must be presented, and all dividends heretofore declared applied for at his office on or before August 21, 1881, or they will be barred and the amounts distributed among the other creditors, as provided in the act of February 21, 1881. Mr. Knox was in some doubt at first whether he ought to accept the trust imposed on him by the act, it was so loosely drawn, his duties not being clearly defined, and his obligations, under the new law, so heavy. His policy will be to wind up the affairs of the bank as rapidly as possible.

Selma has a colored Presbyterian school building nearing completion, which will cost $7,000. It will be two stories high, built of brick, and under the control of the Reformnd Presbyterian Mission.

John Fix is the most successful farmer of the Shanandoah Valley, Va., of either white or colored. Last year he raised 5,700 bushels of wheat, 4,000 bushels of corn, 75 chester hogs, and is the owner of 7 fine horses and 50 cattle. He was a slave up to the close of the war, and now tills the finest farm in the Valley—*Ex.*

The Negro laborers in the tobacco belt of Virginia, with the intention of forcing all land owners to let them tracts on shares, are forming a league which probibits its members from hiring out to the white planters. The movement is considered by tobacco-raisers a threatening one.—*Ex.*

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Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscriptions have expired, and unless they promptly renew the paper will be discontinued to their address.

We are pleased to once more welcome the Washington ADVOCATE to our exchange table. Why did you cut us off?—*Sentinel.*

We never did. Something wrong, Brother Herbert.

We are pleased to note the general improvement in the *Zion's Banner* since its removal to Louisville, under the editorship of H. C. Weeden. The *Banner* is the organ of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

In the coming Saengerfest to be given in Louisville in May, distinguished honor is given our city: first, in the selection as *prima donna* one of our popular singers; second, in naming a portion of the space for reserved seats in her honor. We trust that Miss Tilghman will sustain the reputation which has preceded her and equal the greatest expectations.

In a brief letter published in the Buffalo *Evening News*. Dr. R. V. Pierce of the World's Medical Dispensary, announces that the Palace Hotel, recently destroyed by fire, will not be rebuilt because of the great cost of erection above the amount insured; but a building suitable for carrying out the original design for a remedial or sanitary institution for the care of invalids, will, at an early day, be secured so that no unnecessary delay in the humanitarian work need ensue.

All colored ex soldiers and sailors should read the letter of Mr. Mitchell. It means no self-appointed National Committee of Colored Boys in Blue to gobble up certain offices in the gift of President Garfield. We do not advise a *National Convention*. Let a meeting of colored veterans resident here be called; let them appoint a *local* committee and the same action be taken throughout the country. The committees formed throughout the country could co-operate with that here any extend it desired or create an independent agency. Such action would have moral strength and influence from the beginning.

OUR BOYS.

One of the most important subjects that should interest our colored citizens of the District of Columbia is this: What shall we do with our colored boys? Not what shall we do with one colored boy, nor two, nor a dozen, neither a hundred. But what shall we do with them as a mass? For it is very important to us that these youths who are growing up in our midst, be so trained that when they come to manhood they will reflect credit upon us, and upon the country in which they will be citizens. It is very important to us whether they be good citizens or whether they be bad citizens; whether they be industrious or whether they be indolent; whether they be skillful workmen, or whether they be mere hewers of wood and drawers of water. If they be good, industrious, wise and skillful citizens, they will do us great honor. But on the other hand if they be bad, indolent, unskillful and good for nothing, they will bring the respectable colored people in this district into shame and disgrace. "Coming events generally cast their shadows before." And the great number of colored youths now arrested for petty crimes only foreshadows what the future will be, if something is not done to put a stop to this.

But what is it that causes them to commit crimes so often? why are they so frequently arrested? What is it that brings them before the courts of justice evero day? It is because they are idle. And idleness is the mother of mischief.

It is a very common thing to see hundreds of our youths standing on the corners of the streets, day after day, from when the morning sun peeps up from the horizon, until it sinks behind the other. They are on the corners even until the small hours of the night, tramping from one end of the city to the other. It seems as if the colored youths are fast becoming the peasantry of the national capital. O! Heavens let it not be so! Now in order to stop this idleness, among our boys, our people ought to start some work in various parts of the city, where these idle boys can learn some kind of trades, especially that of cabinet-making. If there were such places where our boys could work, it would take a large number of them off the streets and crime would diminish among them. There are a great many of these on the streets who are anxious to get work to do. There is a young lad about eighteen living at 1723, 11th st n. w., who can put a cane bottom in a chair just as nicely as any body else. Such young lads as he ought to be encouraged. We believe that if the leading colored men of the district start up something on a small scale in the way of industries they could could get Congress to make appropriations occasionally to assist them in their work. One great reason why they have a right to urge Congress to do this, is because the people of the district have no voice in saying how the city shall be governed, and this is a very important matter that Congress has overlooked. Now a great many people always say to young men who have no employment to leave the city and go somewhere else. Well, if they continue to say that all the smart young men will go and leave the worthless ones here. But that is a bad advice. We want our best young men to stay here and in order to keep them here they ought to have something to do.

PERSONAL.

Hon. John W. Johnson, of Augusta, Ark., who came so near being elected to Congress last fall, is here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Silence on 13th street.

Major Martin R. Delaney, of Charleston, S. C., is in the city, stopping at Mrs. Norris, 1700 K st. n. w. He is down for a lecture at Union Bethel A. M. E. church early next month.

Petitions are being circulated in Ohio for the appointment of Hon. G. W. Williams to the Second Auditorship in the Treasury Department.

Rev. Chapman Harris, of Madison, Ind., who rendered signal services to the cause of freedom in conducting fugitive slaves across the Ohio river to a harbor of safety, has been appointed an assistant doorkeeper in the Indiana legislature.

Referring to Miss Amelia L. Tilghman, the Ohio, Falls "Express" says:

This distinguished lady of the East has been secured as the prima donna or leading singer for the occasion. Her great achievement in the city of New York, on the 30th of last December, is the immediate cause of her engagement for this festival. Miss Tilghman is a lady of superior culture and training, and will add dazzling brilliancy to this occasion. She will sing three nights of the festival. The parquette of the Opera House will be named and decorated in honor of this distinguished vocalist, whose triumphs here will doubtless equal the grand triumphs she has won in the East. Miss Tilghman comes as a representative of a class of vocalists rarely seen in this part of the country, and to be fully appreciated must be heard.

One of the country delegates on the way to the late Petersburg convention met on their cars a wise looking individual who in the discussion of the situation proceeded in the following style—"For instance there is Mr.———— of the city of Richmond, a gentleman of propriety, a gentleman of worth, a gentleman of intelligence, a gentleman of good influence, of means, and wealth—been so for many years and in fact born so." It is hardly necessary to add that the gentleman referred to was Cornelius Liggon Harris and that he was also the one who volunteered the information.

BALTIMORE NOTES.

The reception given by Dr. and Brown on last Friday evening proved to be the "recherche" of evening gatherings. The presence of so many distinguished personages and the great feast which had been prepared for them, gave rise to comments from the wealthy and cultured of our city. The toilets were extremely handsome, and the spacious parlors with their brilliant chandeliers presented an excellent spectacle Mr. Butler who had charged of the catering employed every means to make his record bright on this occasion. Senator and Mrs. Bruce were the guests of Dr. Brown during their sojourn, and on Saturday called with him and the Madam on Mr. and Mrs. Jakes, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Harris and many others of our prominent citizens.

—Mrs. and Mrs William Bishop tendered a reception on last Tuesday evening to Mrs. A. F. Stevens and Miss Dora Cole and lady of Philadelphia. The entertainment was quite gorgeous, and the guests felt at home among their Baltimore friends.

—Mrs. Bowers of New York is on a visit to our city and is the guest of Mrs. Henry Jakes, also Mrs. Purnell.

—A State convention will be held here on Thursday at 12 m. to take action relative to an increase representation. A spirited time is anticipated as there will be several contesting delegations.

—The Tuesday Evening Club will give Annual Entertainment on the 3rd of May. It is expected to be the leading social event of the year and applications for twenty five copies of the ADVOCATE with the proceedings published have already been made.

"Goliah."

Baltimore Letter.

Baltimore has been agog with pleasure for the past fortnight, many of the visitors to Washington, tarried in this city on their return homeward, for "rest," as they term it, and to visit friends; but Maryland hospitality has been equal to the emergency and I fear there has been very little resting.

Mrs. Benson of Cleavelard was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Myers, Mrs. and Miss Saunders of Hartford Connecticut of Dr. and Mrs. Winsey, Miss Ida Bowers of New York and Mrs. Purnell of Camden, New Jersey, of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacques, Hon. and Mrs. Bruce the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Brown.

The festivities began on Monday 14th by an afternoon kettle-drum at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bradford, which was a very delightful affair; the next evening Mr. and Mrs. Jacques entertained their friends in handsome style at their fine residence St. Paul Street. Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Smith on Centre Street gave a magnificent dinner party for twelve followed at 9 o'clock by a brilliant evening party which was attended most fully by our young people, who danced until the small hours of morning. A fine supper was served at midnight.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Harris gave an opera party—that is, a dozen friends were escorted to the Academy of Music to witness the fine opera of Olivette, after which a supper, including wines and all the delicacies of the market, with choice creams and ices was served at their residence.

The finale was the grand party of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Brown at their spacious residence West Biddle Street on Friday evening which had been in preparation for a week and more. It was a grand success in every particular; in addition to the many home families represented, and the strangers already named, the evening train from Washington brought up a very brilliant party, including Senator and Mrs Bruce, Hon. John R. Lynch, ex Gov. Pinchback, William E. Matthews esq., Mr. and Miss Wall, Mr. Langston and Miss Gibbs, of Oberlin and others. They were met by carriages and driven direct to the residence Dr. Brown, where a large and beautiful company awaited them. The music under Prof. Castor was bewitching, the supper perfect. The toilets of ladies admirable and altogether Baltimore has done splendidly, left nothing undone to maintain the reputation for elegant and refined hospitality. OLD TOWN.

March 21, 1881.

LIBERIAN NEWS.

(From the *Observer*, Monrovia.)

On the 22nd inst., Dr. A. L. Stanford, of this city, extracted a tape-worm sixteen feet in length from a lady.

Senator Thompson is spoken of for the Presidency, in opposition to Mr. Gardner, and the Rev. J. J. Cheeseman for the Vice Presidency, on the same ticket. Messrs. Harman, Pitman and Blyden, are also spoken of in connection with those dignities.

One of the most important measures of the last session of the Liberian Legislature, was the bill forbidding the importation, manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, and other intoxicants. This bill originated in the Senate. It passed that body, and was sent to the House of Representatives. The House opposed its passage in the shape agreed to by the Senate and it was finally tabled.

We are opposed to the adoption of all measures, which amount directly or indirectly to a repudiation of our debts, whether due to individuals or Nations; we regard such legislation as abhorent to the feelings of every honest man, as opposed to the plainest principals of sound morality, and as calculated to lower us in the estimation of all good citizens at home, and to stamp our name and national character abused with shame and disgrace.—*Extract from a party platform.*

The President of Liberia and the Secretary of State, Mr. Gibson, have just received from the Bey of Tunis, first and second class decorations of the Order of Nishaw. The commissions written in Arabic, accompanied with a French translation conclude with the words: "Wear it with our wishes for your welfare and prosperity."

This is the communication received by the Liberian Authorities from an Independent State in Africa, recognized by foreign powers.

—The grand fair at Union Bethel church is still progressing, and will continue till April 4th.

A CARNIVAL OF PLEASURE.

(Washington Letter to New York Rumor.)

The week including the 4th of March has been the occasion of unsurpassed magnificence both in the annals of a great republic and in the social events which have entered so largely into its completeness and just as street, avenue and park have been bright with festive adornments, so the hearts of the people have been warm with welcome for the large number of distinguished visitors, strangers and friends who have been attracted to our city. All the world knows of the brilliancy of General Garfield's introduction into the highest seat in the Nation, yet I am sure that all do not know of the many generous exhibitions of hospitalities extended by our citizens which have completed the record of an eventful week. Receptions, entertainments and parties have followed each other in rapid succession, most fittingly ushered in by the reception given by the "Monday Night Literary Club" on March 5th. There were present about one hundred persons including the members and their visiting friends; the programme was an attractive one comprising a selection upon the life and character of Dante read by Mrs. F. J. Grimke, and a most admirable essay, Lofty in sentiment and remarkable in finish by the Hon. Fred'k Douglass, subject, "The Philosophy of Reform." The exercises were interspersed with music vocal and instumental and rationally followed by conversation and a magnificent collation; altogether it was considered to be the finest entertainment of its kind ever given in Washington. The churches on the following Sunday were filled to overflowing, the services of the 15th Street Presbyterian church were particularly interesting, an eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered by the pastor Rev. F. J. Grimke, and the singing by the choir unusually fine. On Monday evening the young gentlemen of the city gave a reception at Tallmadge Hall, known as "The Stranger's Welcome," which in the perfection of all its appointments and the high appreciation in which it was held by all present reflects great credit upon those having in its charge. The officers of the club are, T. J. Minton, President, R. J. Harlan Secretary and M. M. Holland Treasurer.

Many heads of households entertained their friends in a most charming manner. But the final, most brilliant and finest selected social event of the season and one which will merit most of all its connection in the memory of those present with the memorable inaugural ceremonies of 1881, was the card reception given by Mr. William E. Matthews, at his home on 14th Street. The spacious and elegant parlors of Mrs. M. E. B. Cary, had been tastefully decorated with smilax and flowers by the lady friends of our genial host, while the bright faces, sparkling conversation and elegant toilets of the ladies rendered it an occasion of remarkable and lasting brilliancy. Among the many elegant and brilliantly attired ladies and gentlemen present, I can only hope to name a few among whom were Hon. John R. Lynch, and Miss Moten, Mrs. Prince Saunders, and her beautiful and accomplished daughter of Hartford, Mr. P. F. Baltimore, of Troy, and the Misses Summerville, Gov. Pinchback, and Mrs. Mitchell of New Bedford. New York was well represented in Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Mrs Charles Dorsey, Misses Ada Bowes, Ella Moffit, Blanche Washington, Mary Jeffrey and Mrs. Alston; Philadelphia was well represented in Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Jones, Misses Dora Cole, Kennedy, Edwards, Casey, Annie Jones; Mr. Seth, Hill and the beautiful Mrs Purnel; Boston was well represented in Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Chapelle and Radcliffe. A special party came down from Baltimore in the evening train including Mrs. Henry Jacques and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. James T. Bradford and the Matthew brothers, Col. Harlan of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson of Cleveland, and the Misses Downing of Newport, R. I.; Washington society was well represented in Dr. and Mrs. Purvis, Miss May F. Kiger, Mrs. R. T. Greener, Dr. Shadd and sister, Dr. Cook and Miss Barrier, Mrs. Langston, Mrs. Captain Wall and daughter, Mr. Wyatt Archer, Miss Maggie Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass, Mrs. Freeman of Utica, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan, Mr. Isaac N. Cary, the Misses Brooks, Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Atwood and others. The toilets were simply magnificent. It would be impossible for me to attempt to describe them, it has been a long while since so many rich silks, jewels, and so much wit and beauty have been combined. Among the most elegant toilets were those worn by Mrs. Harris of Baltimore, Mrs. Ridley and Mrs. Lewis, of Boston, Miss Saunders, of Hartford, Misses Jeffery and Bowers, of New York, Miss Lucy E. Moten and Miss Barrier, of Washington. The supper was perfect and was served by a Baltimore caterer, while the graceful and considerate attention to all his guests will stamp Mr. Matthews the prince of hosts as he has long been a necessity to Washington Society. He was assisted in receiving his friends by a bevy of ladies, Miss Minnie Saunders, Miss Fannie Barrier, Miss Lucy E. Moten, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Purnell. The entertainment was marked throughout by the extreme of good taste and elegance and was considered by all to have been the most enjoyable of the season. There have been also private dinners and lunches given by those who were entertaining friends. The visitors are now rapidly leaving the city and all I think can have but one opinion concerning the social excellencies of a lovely city.

RECEIVED

The Logic of Christian Evidence by G. Frederick Wright. W. F. Draper, Andover, Mass. publisher.

—Twenty five cents each will be paid for two copies of the ADVOCATE of July 3, 1880.

—At the Trustee's report of the Bethel church last Sabbath they reported $1004.66 in three months which paid off all the indebtedness, except $314.29, which is for old taxes from '74. When this amount shall have been paid, the church will have a grand jubilee. This the pastor expects to pay within 30 days, D. V. The next step after conference will be to commence the building. Several of the Bishops are expected to be present, and Major M. R. Delany. *Labor omnia vincit.*

—We learn that one George Becket, a cook by profession, while in the employ of the *Southern Chief*, died and was buried at sea.

G. U. O. of O. F.

Communications for this column should be addressed to "ODD FELLOWS' COLUMN," Peoples' Advocate.

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At the quarterly meeting of Star of the West Lodge 1369, Wednesday night R. D. Young was elected E. S. and J. Catlett passed to V. G., S. S. Brooks to N. G. and F. Over jr. to P. N. G. This lodge is one of the most prosperous in the city.

S. C. M.

The S. C. M. met on Monday March 14th 1881 at the residence of the G. S., Present, G. M. Forrester, G. T. Curtis and G. S. Bowser.

Dispensations were granted through the D. L. of Texas to the Morning Star of Liberty Lodge No. 2175 at Nerasta, also at Dallas, Union Lodge No. 1940 to open Lodge No. 2176 at Weortherford, also to the P. N. Fs. of Texas Centre Lodge at Waco, to open a Household of Ruth. All the business being transacted the committee adjourned. F. L. T.

We notice in the St. Thomas *Times* that Brilliant Star Lodge, No. 1908, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows celebrated its second anniversary by a public parade during the day and a social tea meeting on the evening of January 5th, at St. Thomas. By the announcment in the *Times*, we opine, that members of Golden Gate Lodge, and other lodges under its jurisdiction in California, may claim direct affiliation when traveling to any of the British, French or Danish colonies of the West Indies, and will receive the same brotherly welcome as they would in the mother lodge of Great Britain.—*Elevator.*

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows have inaugurated into that well known and beloved old order the beneficiary insurance feature.

We are pleased to learn this, from the fact that there are some old men who have become old in that order, whose old age would prevent them from gaining admission in other orders of a beneficiary nature.

As the G. U. O. of O. F. has a large active membership, we hope that the new feature will work well for the good of the order generally. Social intercourse, friendly counsel, and mutual assistance are things that are so necessary to the welfare of our people. An order that has the desire to propagate truth, inculate morality and practice charity, as the security of that order, will surely succeed.—*Knights of Wise Men.*

—The afternoon lunch given by Mrs. Alexander Marshall, last Thursday to a number of her lady friends, visitors and residents, was one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season. The guests assembled at four o'clock, and shortly thereafter proceeded to the table where under the inspiration of the genial and warmhearted hostess, two hours were passed in conversation. The lunch represented one of the best efforts of M. Lewie the celebrated French cook. A noticeable feature of the occasion was the handsome toilets of the ladies, many of which were highly artistic and beautiful. Among those present were, the Misses Laura and Ellen Fisher in company with Mrs. Trout and Miss Brown of Altoona, Pa. Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mesdames R. Nugent, R. Thompson, Wm. Montague, John Marshall, S. Johnson and others.

—The delegation of colored men appointed by the Petersburg Convention to visit the President, will go in a body on Monday. This committee is to say before the President the intention of the colored people of Virginia in future, and to ask about the distribution of Federal patronage, etc.

—Another school marm who is known as one of the most accomplished of "man killers" has resigned, preparatory to tread the thorny path of matrimony. The successful and happy man is a gentleman from distant, if not foreign parts, of literary if not scholastic tastes; a gentleman whose success in pressing his suit is but another laurel, to those he has won for his oratorical ability.

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LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Buy drugs of Beller, cor. 16th and M sts. n. w.

—Prof. Storum lectured on co-operation at Mount Pisgah last week.

—The people of Mount Pisgah church say they will have a new edifice by the fall of the year.

—The *National Era Light-Bearer* made its appearance this week under the management of Rev. A. B. Wilson.

—A preacher's face should be seen by his congregation when he is speaking to them.

—Rev. S. P. Smith will preach a sermon on Music at the Lincoln Mission Sunday night.

—The concert to be given by Shiloh Baptist church on the 30th instant promises to be a fine affair. See advertisement.

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—The following is a part of a notice placed in the vestibule in one of our leading churches: "Order and decorum *is* required of all attending this church."

—The revival at the 5th Baptist church is becoming lively; the spacious auditory is crowded nightly, and local orators are pouring burning shot into the camp of his Satanic Majesty.

—Quarterly Review of the 5th Baptist Sunday School takes place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Prof. James Storum, of Wayland Seminary, has been invited to deliver an address.

—The Lincoln Memorial Congregational church, Rev. S. P. Smith, pastor, held its first social on Friday night, the 18th inst. About thirty ladies and gentlemen were present who made themselves very sociable by conversation, music and select readings. Chocolate, cake and other edibles were plentiful.

—For drugs etc., go to Beller cor. 16th and *M* sts. n. w.

—Abram White, a respectable young colored man living on Vermont avenue between Q and R Streets, was before the police court Monday morning charged with the crime of burglary. He was sent on to the grand jury. As usual, there is a woman in the case, and from the facts already known it bids fair to be one of the most peculiar and novel cases of burglary on record.

—The first quarterly review for 1881, of the Bethlehem Baptist Sunday School will be held at the church, Sunday March 27, at 3 p. m. The 19th Street Baptist Sunday School and others have been invited to participate. Choice solo by Mrs. L. M. Kelly. Messrs. J. D. Baltimore, R. T. Moss and others are expected to address the meeting.

—The Mission Sunday School 14th and C Streets n. e., will hold their anniversary exercises at Israel church 1st and B Streets s. w., on Sunday April 3rd inst. at 3 o'clock p. m. On this occasion all the schools in this section will be present. Addresses will be delivered by Professor J. D. Baltimore, Richard T. Moss, Theophilus Howard, Bishop W. H. Miles, of the C. M. E. church, of Kentucky, and other Sunday School workers.

—LODGINGS for *two* gentlemen, near St. Luke's P. E. Church on 15th st. Inquire of the Editor of the ADVOCATE. tf.

—John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church Conn., ave. bet L and M sts. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. M. M. Ross at 10.30 a. m. subject, "The Defense of the Righteous," at 7.30 p. m., preaching by Rev. L. G. Micthell of Shippensburg, Pa. Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting at 6 p. m.

—The Closing Exercises of the present school year of Union Bethel A. M. E. Sunday School, will take place next Sunday evening, the 27th inst., in the church, commencing at half past 7 o'clock.

The public are invited. The election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Tuesday evening the 29th inst.

THEY SAY

—That Miss Mary Syphax will be married next month:

—That Rev E. W. S. Peck is the best pastor Asbury ever had:

—That the Misses Ricks are two of the most elegantly dressed colored ladies in our city:

—That Charlie Shorter is to be the next superintendent of Bethel Sunday School:

—That in spite of the dissatisfied Dr. Stevenson will be returned to Union Bethel church another year:

—That Rev. Grimke fired hot shot last Sunday into the camp of the fashion loving Christians:

—That the marriage of Mr. Bacchus caused a heavy sigh in the heart of a very much admired maiden formerly from Richmond, Virginia:

—That decidedly the best entertainment yet given will be that advertised to come off at the Tallmadge Hall Monday week, a full account of is advertised elsewhere:

—That the Enterprise Publishing Company having obtained a new press and secured a competent workman is bound to gain its trade of job printand extend it far beyond what it was last year under the old management:

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—And now it is rumored that Mr. Chas. H. Lee and Miss Annie Silence have been married a week or more, although the license for the same appeared in the *Star* only on Tuesday; but it is as strongly denied as affirmed.

—Miss A——M——, a "professoress" in "Laws Seminary," South Washington, was in the covenant meeting at the 4th Baptist church Thursday night last. The meeting had grown quite warm from the out pouring of the Spirit, when suddenly this learned young lady from the learned Academy of the learned Rev. Dr. R. S. Laws, D. D., LL. D., A. B., A. M., etc., jumped up and said: "Brother Johnson, I am glad to see you have such domestick qualerfurcations here." The covenanters were dictionary struck!

Asbury Presentation.

The presentation to Rev. E. W. S. Peck which took place last week was a very pleasant affair. Asbury church was filled by friends of the pastor from other congregations as well as his own. The exercises were under auspices of the United Working Club. George Martin president, H. E. Jenifer master of ceremonies.

Mr. Thomas Hickman was first introduced and in a formal speeck he presented the underwear. Mr. Samuel Tyler followed and in a handsome manuer presented the suit of clothes, after which Miss Tyler performed her part of the programme by presenting the neckties, Miss Anna Smith in a neat speech presented the beaver while Miss Helene C. Ricks read a beautiful essay and gave the gloves,—all of these as a testimonial of regard for their pastor Rev. E. W. S. Peck.

Mr. Robt. Payne then in a fitting speech bestowed a superb gold headed cane upon Mr. Thomas P. Bell, the efficient and veteran chorister, which Mr. Bell most appropriately received. Rev. Peck. formally accepted the gifts, and Martin Franklin delivered a farewell address which was extremely touching. This brought Rev. Peck again to his feet, and during his remarks he alluded to his career in New York, closing by calling a member of his church in that city, who happened to be present, to favor the audience with a solo. So well pleased were they that the gentleman was most rapturously applauded, whereupon he gave as an *encore* "Far Away." The audience was dismissed to take farewell of the well-laden tables in the rooms below, which they did until after 12 o'clock. Fully $60 was realized from the entertainment—a present to Mrs. Peck.

Do we need Demonstration in Physics?

Nature is a great teacher, and those who would become acquainted with her law, must do so by experiment, it being the only means through which they can be approached. Every experiment is a question addressed to nature,—asking her for an increase of knowledge; and if we ask her aright, we are almost sure to receive a satisfactory answer. The knowledge of nature, and particularly of Elementary physics, has made its way even into our public schools, for elementary instruction, as a necessary result of the astonished devolopments of that science and its enormous influence on public and private life. The steam engine, the printing press, the electric telegraph, the telephone, the sewing machine, the audiphone and a large number of other useful and ingenious discoveries and inventions, all had their incipiency in *this primary truth*—viz. that a solution of the great problems hereinbefore mentioned, was attainable only by obedience to, and a knowledge of the elementary laws, governing the same. As it is with all branches of elementary instruction, so the studying of elementary physics should commence with the observation of the phenomena. As a recognition of its importance the school has given it a place in its programme, and must henceforth contribute, in its own way and within the circle of its competency to the propogation of clear notions on nature and its phenomona, and the physical causes which ascertain them.

The teacher must begin by showing his or her pupils effects that have been explained before, that is to say, he or she should show them experiments. In this manner they (the teachers) will be able to get by a sure and most efficacious way the attention and exercise the conception of their pupils, in the different forms under which the observed and explained effects present themselves and work in the phenomona of nature in the practical life that surrounds them; and in their different application to arts and industry. Now, it is evident that our over worked teachers do not have the time to give demonstrations and analytical lectures in physics any more than they do in music and in drawing. But, perhaps it could be so arranged that at regular stated periods—say once or twice per month those scholars who are required to use elementary text books on physics might attend demonstrated lectures and thereby get a fair knowledge of the various branches of natural science.

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